

Making Good Schools Great

Lincoln Public Schools is the second largest of Nebraska's 375 school districts, with more than 33,000 students. Our goal is to give every student a superb learning environment by providing:

- ◆ Quality teaching
- ◆ Personal attention
- ◆ Excellent facilities and equipment
- ◆ Academic support

How do we measure success?

Each year, we evaluate our students' performance on nationally standardized tests, and measure parent and community satisfaction with Lincoln Public Schools. We are proud of how we measure up—but we are striving to do even better.

MEASURE	2008-09 PERFORMANCE
3rd grade reading	86% (at or above Nat'l ave.)
7th grade math	72% (at or above Nat'l ave.)
ACT scores	LPS Average: 23.3 (US average: 21.1)
Parent Satisfaction w/ LPS District	79%
Parent Satisfaction w/ child's education	95% (US average: 72%)
Average elementary class size	20

Meeting Our Goals in a Changing Community

Our students reflect Lincoln's changing population:

- ◆ 39% of LPS students participate in the free or reduced price lunch program.
- ◆ 15% of LPS students participate in Special Education.
- ◆ More children who are learning to speak English (in 2008-09, more than 2,175 students from 60 countries who spoke 50 languages).

Although this changing population creates new challenges, we are continuing to improve our test scores and other measures of success. Community support is essential.

How can the community help?

Be an advocate

- ◆ Volunteer in your schools. Read to kids, be a tutor, work in the library or share another skill.
- ◆ Get to know your neighborhood school. Attend school activities and ask how you can help.
- ◆ Support efforts to attract and keep quality teachers.

Be a donor

- ◆ Fund-a-Need or plan a gift today for tomorrow's children: www.FoundationForLPS.org.
- ◆ Provide books, materials, volunteers or other resources.
- ◆ Participate in business-school partnerships.
- ◆ Provide internships and work-study programs.
- ◆ Volunteer to speak at schools or invite an LPS volunteer to speak at your business or community organization.
- ◆ Support specific LPS projects designed to increase reading, math skills and school attendance.

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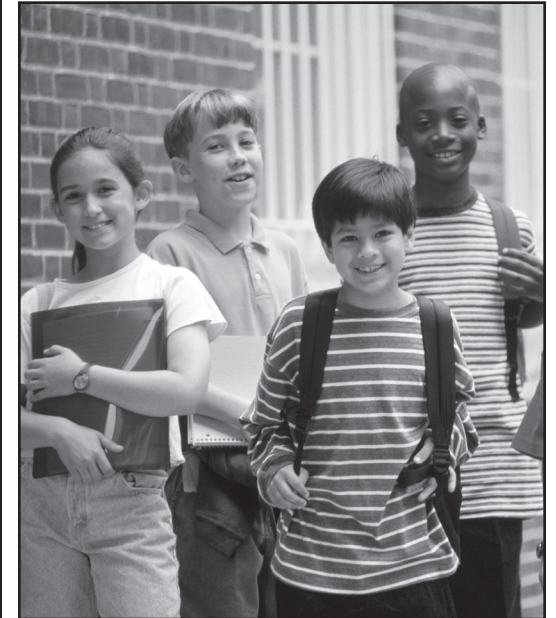
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Arnold ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Profile



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SCHOOL SNAPSHOT

Students

- 648 Students, grades PreK-5
- Average Student class size: 21
- 33% Minority Students
- 1% Gifted
- 15% English Language Learners
- 15% Mobility
- 64% Eligible for free/reduced meals
- 5% Attend on permit from other neighborhoods
- 95% Average daily attendance rate
- 17% Special Education
 - ◇ Specific Learning Disability
 - ◇ Behavioral Disorder
 - ◇ Mental Handicap
 - ◇ Speech-Language Impairment
 - ◇ Orthopedic Impairment

Staff

- 58 Teachers: 94 total staff
- Staff Includes
 - ◇ School counselor
 - ◇ Nurse
 - ◇ Social worker
 - ◇ Media specialist
 - ◇ Art, music, physical education, computer and science teachers

www.nde.state.ne.us/

Technology

- 1 computer lab
- Laptop computers available for student use
- Mini computer lab in media center

Special Programs

- Title I Schoolwide Program
- Head Start Integrated Preschool
- All-day Kindergarten
- Differentiated Curriculum for high ability learners
- Reading Recovery
- Character Counts
- English Language Learner Program
- Academic and Behavioral Interventions
- Special Education Support

Community Learning Center

- **Arnold Community Learning Center** in partnership with Lincoln Housing Authority, Lincoln Parks and Recreation and Cedars provide before and after school care and a variety of academic and enrichment clubs.

Family Programs

- Carol Yoakum Family Resource Center
- Arnold Parent Teacher Organization
- School Community Council
- School Neighborhood Advisory Comm.

School Day

- 9:00 a.m.-3:38 p.m.
- Breakfast Program 8:30-8:50 a.m.
- Office 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

VIP Partners

- Junior Achievement of Lincoln
- LES (Lincoln Electric System)
- McDonald's (West Bond)
- Valentino's "High Five" Club
- TeamMates

Academic Performance

4th grade students were assessed on LPS District standards. The percent meeting **or exceeding** the English and Math standards averaged

	2006-07	2007-08
• English/Language Arts	80%	87%
• Mathematics	86%	84%

What's unique about Arnold?

- Arnold School will move to a new school building in the fall of 2009. It replaces the original building that opened in 1959 to serve the military base housing.
- Arnold School is named after General Henry "Hap" Arnold. General Arnold was the only 5-star general in two different branches of the military.

*Student performance
requires a community-driven comprehensive
system of supports*